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SUBJECT: RFE COVERAGE OF ROMANIAN HUNGARIAN MINORITY  
ISSUE

1. DURING BRIEF MEETING WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ ON OTHER TOPICS, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE EXPRESSED CONCERN OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AT PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO ALLEGATIONS BY AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN GROUPS THAT ROMANIA DISCRIMINATES AGAINST HUNGARIAN MINORITY. HE REFERRED TO DEMONSTRATION BEING ORGANIZED IN WASHINGTON FOR JULY 18 (DATE OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON ROMANIAN EMIGRATION/MFN) AND SAID ORGANIZERS WERE KNOWN TO GOR AND GOH AS "FASCISTS." NICOLAE ASKED IF DEMONSTRATION COULD BE PREVENTED. NIMETZ RESPONDED THAT IT COULD NOT, AS RIGHT TO ASSEMBLY AND PETITION ARE PROTECTED BY CONSTITUTION. HE ASKED NICOLAE NOT TO EXAGGERATE IMPORTANCE  
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OF SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AND TO MAKE CLEAR TO ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT POLICY OF US GOVERNMENT.

2. NICOLAE REFERRED TO RADIOS COVERAGE OF THIS ISSUE AS POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR BROADCASTS IN HUNGARIAN WHICH CAN BE RECEIVED IN

TRANSYLVANIA. OF GREATEST CONCERN, HE SAID, IS THE  
FACT THAT CONSTANT AIRING OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY ISSUE  
"PUTS INTO QUESTION" WHETHER TRANSYLVANIA FORMS PART  
OF ROMANIA. NIMETZ ASSURED HIM THAT THE US HAS  
ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION ON THIS SCORE, NOR DO WE BELIEVE  
IRREDENTISM MOTIVATES THE DEMONSTRATORS. NICOLAE  
ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RFE  
BROADCASTS ON THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY ISSUE MIGHT INCITE  
SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN ROMANIA.

3. REQUEST CONGEN REVIEW WHATEVER RECENT ROMANIAN  
AND HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE SCRIPTS ON ISSUE ARE AVAILABLE,  
AND GIVE US REPORT BY CABLE ON EXTENT TO WHICH HUNGARIAN  
MINORITY PROBLEM HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AND FLAVOR OF  
BROADCASTS. VANCE

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